

more seriously as on former occasions. When the President was here cloudy skies and drizzling showers have taken place of the brilliant November sunshines. The sun broke through the clouds to-day, however, for a brief space.

MILLIONS FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY

Secretary of War Says Legal Objections to Fort Are Cleared Away.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—The Secretary of War has informed the House Committee on Fortifications that legal obstacles to the acquisition by the government of title to the land under water at the entrance of Chesapeake Bay, necessary as a site for the creation of an artificial island and fortress, have been removed.

The Governor of Virginia has been clothed with authority to transfer the land to the United States government, and it is now made necessary to appropriate \$125,000 for the purchase of the sites and erection of fortifications already included in the estimates submitted by Secretary Taft; the work will commence again and an island of fifty acres area will be erected at the entrance of the bay.

FALLS FORTY FEET AND NOT FATALLY INJURED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 28.—This morning Edward Emmons, young man working on the bridge over Deep James River in the Island Yard of the Norfolk and Western Railways, fell a distance of forty feet into the swiftly flowing water. He sustained a fractured jaw and many bruises and cuts, but will recover.

KILLS DEPUTY SHERIFF: NOW BEHIND BARS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 28.—Moses Wilson, alleged to be a North Carolina desperado, with a record of having killed several persons, shot and killed Frank Brumley, alias "Lucky" Chisholm, deputy, recently in Lynchburg's jail without full understanding his plan to murder. George recently advised the Civil Service Commission that the postmaster of Harrisonburg had tendered him a position and he had accepted it, but had failed to put in an application for it due to account of the mob that was threatening him.

HOLD LEONARD WITHOUT BAIL FOR KILLING BROWN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 28.—The grand jury, which sat on Saturday, charged that the young white man who shot and killed W. H. Brown, a Negro, in the city of Lynchburg, last night, can "indorse me for the use of your office," said George. As it is, he is assured that the class of applications for the bar will be also turned down. State and national associations having filed their applications. Others will come in before the time and will still further swell this number. The examination will be held in the chambers of the State Library Building, appointed by the court. The members of the bar will sit as schoolmasters for the large class during the examination.

WOULD-BE LAWYERS.

Largest Class of Applicans Ever Examined is Coming.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia will examine about one thousand cases of law students who are to be examined on December 30th. The examination of applicants for admission to the bar will be conducted by the commissioners of the State Bar Association, and the examinations will be held in the chambers of the State Library Building, appointed by the court. The members of the bar will sit as schoolmasters for the large class during the examination.

SIR MORTIMER TO BE MADE A PEER

Honor in Appreciation of His Excellent Service in Washington.

LONDON, December 28.—Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, recently Ambassador to the United States, is to be elevated to the peerage, according to the Sun, and will be honored at a conference at a hotel in London or New York. His personal acquaintance of Sir Mortimer's work as Ambassador to the United States.

BRAZIL GOVERNMENT WAITING FOR ACCEPTANCE

LONDON, December 28.—The United States is awaiting Brazil's final acceptance of its proposal to send to the Senate of the United States its bill of exchange on the appointment of James E. Davis as Ambassador to Brazil. The bill was introduced by Rep. Henry Mortimer Durand. This bill must be passed before the official announcement of the opposition can be postponed.

The appointment had been submitted by the Foreign Office, and Mr. Davis had announced it to his friends in his constituency, and the publications of the home papers, on the date of the Foreign Office's announcement of the bill from the State Department of Washington.

ROOT SAYS ST. JAMES HAS BEEN NOTIFYEE

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Washington shows the catalogues from London, saying that the British government has increased its forces in the colonies of the United States by nearly the appearance of an additional division of soldiers, and the Londoner, Mr. Edward Smith, says the Root report is correct.

The British government may postpone both orally and officially. England and India and in writing among themselves that the appointment of Mr. Davis as ambassador to the United States would be entirely satisfactory to this government.

It was announced at Washington that a week ago today he received no answer from the British government. President Roosevelt had indicated that Mr. Davis' appointment will be entirely acceptable to this government.

Governor Can't Go.

Gov. Edmund G. Bissell has had to decline invitation to attend the Grand Council to be held in Washington, D. C., next Saturday. The Governor is a member of the council and declines only on account of pressing engagements here.



SCENES AT ANNUAL DINNER TO THE POOR GIVEN AT THE METHODIST INSTITUTE



CHRISTMAS CHEER TO HUNGRY POOR

Methodist Institute, Corner of Nineteenth and Main Streets,
Scene of Happiness.

CHRISTMAS DINNER SERVED

One of Richmond's Noblest Charitable Institutions Conducted by Methodist Churches.

Yesterday was a day of joy and happiness at the Methodist Institute, corner Nineteenth and Main Streets. The institute spreads happiness every day in the year, but yesterday was especially joyful. It was the institute's Christmas day, and arrangements had been made for the entertainment of not less than two hundred men, women and children who otherwise might not have known a Christmas dinner.

From 12 to 2 o'clock the institute's doors were wide open and during that time many members of the Methodist Church of Richmond were there to serve the deserving poor without stint and with Christmassie kindness that the world never having seen or enjoyed but for the thoughtfulness of the managers of the institute.

No cards were issued, and it was not necessary to have one. The poor of the neighborhood and of the whole city had been informed that they were welcome and that they were there.

I waited for the position or something equally as good in the civil service as I could get, says George, in his letter to the commission. It is not even safe for me to stay longer than I can because I can't afford to pay the expenses. At present I am earning \$250 a month, but I have not yet got a place. I have applied to the Civil Service Commission that the postmaster of Harrisonburg had tendered him a position and he had accepted it, but had failed to put in an application for it due to account of the mob that was threatening him.

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